TERRORISM UPDATE

Since the events of September 11, 2001, the Sheriff's Department has been highly involved in the regional, state and federal law enforcement anti-terrorism responses. Sheriff's personnel have attended training meetings throughout the state, and we are now participating in the following projects:

- ❖ US Attorney's Anti-terrorism Task Force. Planning meetings discussed better means of sharing intelligence information and promoting closer cooperation with Federal agencies. The Sacramento FBI office now provides regular updates to the Sheriff's Department on wanted terrorist suspects and potential threats.
- State Attorney General's Office, Terrorism Intelligence Network. An information sharing database has been established statewide for all law enforcement agencies to share information on terrorist threats.
- ❖ Sacramento Regional Terrorism Early Warning Group (TEWG). This department is participating in the Sacramento TEWG and keeping updated on the latest information.
- County Health Department, biological hazards. We have worked closely for several months with Dr. Richard Burton, County Health Director, and his staff on establishing protocols in response to biological hazards.
- ❖ This department is working closely with all law enforcement and fire agencies to better prepare for a major emergency. One investigator is assigned full-time to work with other agencies on anti-terrorism efforts and information sharing. For more information on our preparations and activities, please contact Capt. Rick Armstrong at (530) 889-7800.